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Minden Urgent Care Clinic offers virtual care services

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The Minden Virtual Care Clinic has recently opened at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services site in Minden.

"The Virtual Care Room is a private room at Minden Urgent Care Clinic where patients can speak to and participate in accessing acute care for minor ailments with a nurse practitioner, said Cinnamon Tousignant, executive director of Kawartha North Family Health Team. The patients register with the front desk as per usual and will then meet with the nurse for their triage assessment. The on-site nurse will determine if their presenting concern can be addressed by the virtual nurse practitioner. If it is determined appropriate for virtual care, when it is their turn they will then see the nurse practitioner via a secured video feed. The nurse is present to assist with any onsite assessment support and to follow-up with any recommendations or

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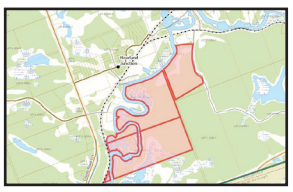
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Virtual Care Room sees demand

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acts of care. For example, if someone is there to have staples/sutures removed from a knee surgery, the nurse Practitioner is able to ask questions, observe the condition of the incision and determine if the staples/sutures should be removed. The nurse would then follow-up with the removal of the staple/sutures, which is still the same process when you see an in-person nurse practitioner on site."

"The Virtual Care Clinic evolved from 4 different areas of need. One is that healthcare is suffering from a Human Resource crisis at this time. It is difficult to recruit healthcare professionals both in urban and rural settings. Rural settings can have some unique recruitment challenges and given the increased pressures across the board, those of us who work in and support rural healthcare are struggling to recruit and hire qualified staff. As well, as a result of COVID-19, the security advancement of platforms to access virtual care significantly increased and the public in general became more open to the concept as well. The third consideration for the Virtual Care Room was that we needed to increase capacity for services to the community. The first week we were running the Virtual Care Clinic we did not need to turn anyone away due to being at full capacity. Then last, but not least, with the option of having a virtual care system in place we are able to access more coverage which will result in the need for less closures due to staffing gaps or illness."

"Naturally not all patients who present in the Urgent Care Clinic are suitable for virtual care. We are highly conscious of virtual care best practices and operate well with the scope of care for the Virtual Care Room. The presence of an on-site nurse to support the appointment allows for a broad range of issues to be addressed, some examples are, but are not exclusive to, medication renewals, pink eye, bladder infections, tick bites, sick notes for works and other similar ailments. Anything that would require an in-depth, hands-on assessment would see our on-site nurse practitioner instead. More details about what the Virtual Care Room can accommodate is listed both online on our website and is posted at the Minden Urgent Care Clinic as well. The Virtual Care Room assists with the flow of the wait room and helps to reduce the amount of time that people wait for access to care."

Services from the Virtual Care Clinic are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The only additional thing required from outside of your health card is a signed consent form agreeing to care via the Virtual Care Room.

"Currently the Virtual Care Room runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, in tandem with the on-site nurse practitioner, so we essentially have two nurse practitioners on site those days to offer care."

"Virtual clinic visits are conducted in a private and secured room with a door that is used for in-person appointments on non-virtual care days."

"This has been a unique opportunity that suits me in my career at this time, it allows for patient interactions and they are surprisingly as personable as they are in person," says Tousignant.

> "The Virtual Care Room processes the lower need presentations faster, decreases wait times for everyone in the waiting room, and is staffed to their funding's capacity
>
> — CINNAMON TOUSIGNANT, executive director of Kawartha North Family Health Team

"It is difficult to recruit locally and this is an ideal way to still meet demands. The fact that it is usually complimented by another on-site nurse practitioner is ideal as it allows better flow and wait times for the patients. I have family that lives locally and despite not living here it is great to be able to support the area in which my family is located."

Besides the odd day with a delayed internet connection, generally there have been no problems to speak of, said Tousignant.

"We have had a variety of responses, some people are hesitant but once they learn that it means they will be in and out sooner than later, they are often very open to trying the service. We frequently hear the feedback that they are surprised that it is "more personal" than they realized and that they do not feel that the quality of care was any different. They are pleased with the quick turnaround time the most. Our staff are very supportive of the process and are helpful with the introduction to the concept during the triage assessment to being present in the room for the assessment. It is also important to note that if people would rather wait to see someone in person that is an option as well."

The Virtual Care Room processes the lower need presentations faster, decreases wait times for everyone in the waiting room, and is staffed to their funding's capacity, says Tousignant.

"I want to thank all the people involved with making this opportunity come to fruition as well as the donation of the virtual care equipment from Haliburton Highlands Health Services."

On June 30, 2023, the Minden Urgent Care Clinic opened their doors. This week will be the first year anniversary of opening their doors for the long weekend.

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by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
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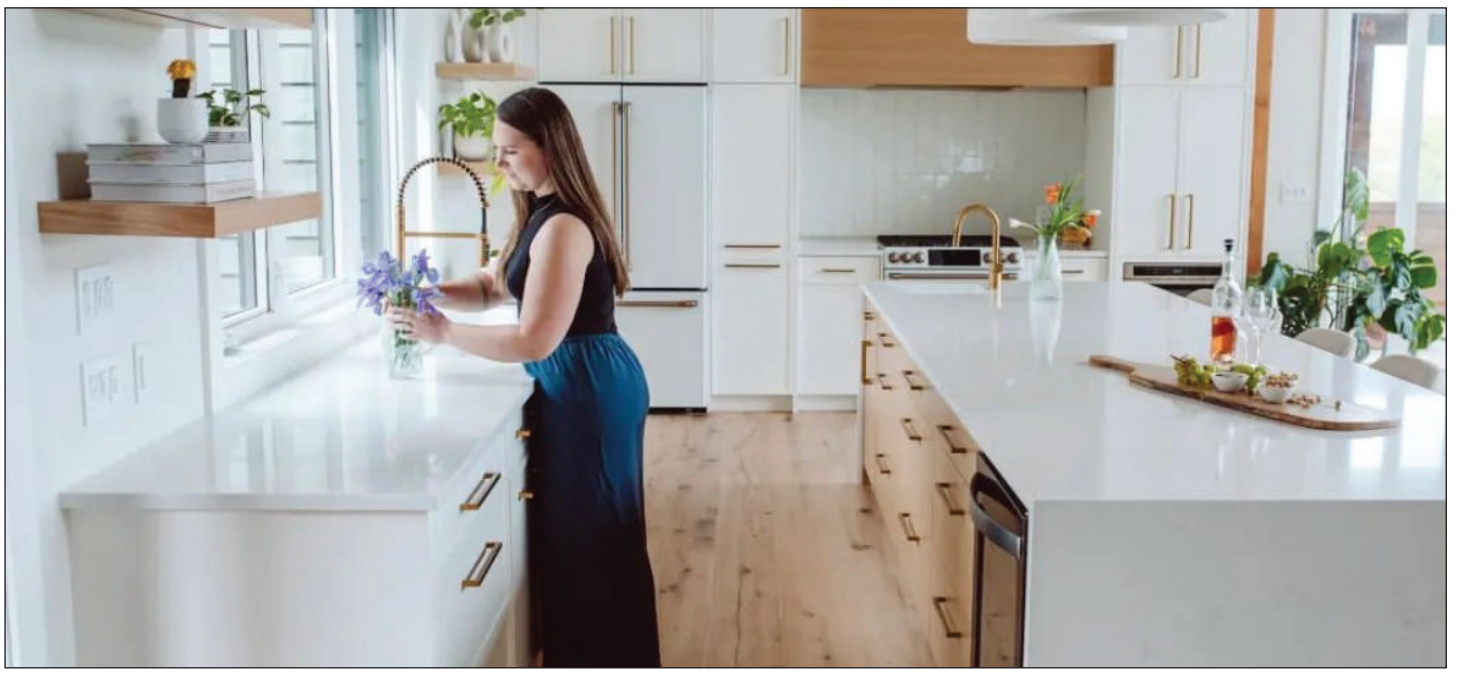

Lauren Trueman is the founder of Compass Design Studio, a new interior design business based in Haliburton County. /Photo submitted

Lauren Trueman, owner and chief designer at Compass Design Studio, points true north when it comes to interior design in the Highlands.

After years of experience in the field, Trueman has recently branched out on her own with a brand new design business.

"I was really feeling like I was ready for a jump. At my past jobs, I found that I was really able to become a leader in the role that I was playing. I felt ready to take on the challenge and give it a try," Trueman said.

When Trueman was growing up in Meaford on Georgian Bay, there was no hesitation whenever she was asked what she'd like to be when she grew up.

"It's always been an interest of mine whether I've been aware of it or not. My parents always tell stories of me re-arranging camper trailer layouts and of course redecorating my room. Things like that sparked the idea in me quite young that this could become a career," Trueman said.

In her seventh-grade yearbook, she said wanted to be a designer when she grew up.

"As I started to look at it seriously in high school, I realized I really enjoyed the technical aspects of it, but also the combination of having that creative opportunity to play with colours and textures and different styles, and to get to know people."

She felt as though it was the perfect job to capture all of her interests and skills at once, especially her creativity.

"The arts were a huge part of my childhood. I danced for several years, and learned how to play instruments."

Trueman attended the Toronto Metropolitan University for interior design and graduated in 2016.

She also took the extra step to acquire her ARIDO designation to hold the legal title of Interior Designer.

"It was a really intense dose of city living for me," Trueman laughed. "Small towns definitely have a pace of life that I enjoy much more. I love it up here."

Trueman's husband grew up in Haliburton County, and after falling in love in the city, they knew it was the right decision to move north.

"I was able to get my first job in the city from a friend of a friend. I learned so much there, and was also hired at a similar design build firm here when I moved," Trueman said. "I was able to gain a lot of experience by working closely with the trades too, and able to see what goes on behind the scenes while also getting to practice design."

Truman offers three services at Compass Design Studio: interior design, interior decorating, and design management.

"My bread and butter is design, so that can be layouts, assisting an architect with floor plans, troubleshooting functionality of a home."

Interior design also includes finish selection including flooring, tiles, paint colours, fixtures, lighting, plumbing, doors, trim, as well as kitchen and electrical design.

"I kind of describe it as anything you see or touch in your home. There's a design choice to be made for everything. I can help make all of those decisions along the way and talk you through the pros and cons of various materials so at the end of the day, you're fully aware of what's going to be the best solution for you."

She's able to provide a full package of drawings to builders including elevations, coloured renderings with notes, details, dimensions, and 3D models.

"Whether it's just a reno or if you want a totally fresh start, I can help with it all."

She described the decorating portion of design as the "lipstick."

"If people need a refresh with new furniture, window coverings, or paint colours, we can freshen up a space that way."

Trueman's third service is design management.

"Once we have our decisions made and you have a contractor, I can be a liaison between the homeowner and the builder to make sure everything is being executed on site properly. I can act on the homeowners' behalf to help manage the project, but more from a design perspective."

The name comes from a love for travel, and wanted a name to reflect that part of her life.

"Compass is also a metaphor for how I work with people. I can be your guide in the right direction when it comes to decisions."

Trueman can be contacted by phone 705-854-0090 or email lauren@compassdesignstudio.ca

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- **July 25** – Regular Council Meeting

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Point in Time seeks space to accommodate expansion

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

The Youth Wellness Hub in Haliburton has proven to be an essential service offered to the community by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents since it opened in 2020.

With nearly 2,000 visits in the last year for wellbeing activities and 232 youth accessing the Hub's formal services, it's time for a new space.

"I think it's a great thing that we have a model that works and a way to reach people. The hard part of it is that the lack of space is presenting a barrier for some youth to utilize the Youth Hub. We're looking to build synergies and efficiencies with both staffing and infrastructure by co-locating under one roof," said Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time.

Point in Time currently has a main office on Eastern Ave. in Haliburton about a kilometre away from the Hub on Dysart Ave.

The not-for-profit organization hopes to consolidate all of their services.

"Being in separate locations definitely makes everything trickier when we're trying to operate as one organization," Cox said.

When it first opened in 2020, it was a brand new project, and Point in Time didn't know how it would be received.

"When we purchased that building, it was a pilot project. The pilot contained enough space for three staff. We're currently at seven staff members and need more space for all of them to be able to accommodate the youth they're supporting," Cox explained.

Youth have always had a say in what they dreamed the Hub would be.

"The interesting thing about the model is that the youth early on said they wanted it to be a go-to place to meet friends and do wellness activities. But, they also knew youth needed more access to formal services. What we're finding through our data is that they were exactly right. Youth are coming in for the activities, but also seeking services while they're here."

Cox said without a welcoming space, it can be hard to reach out when individuals need extra support.

"It can often take quite a lot of courage to seek support. For us, it has to be in the same building so they have a chance to meet the staff during snack time, drop ins, so that they can build that sense of safety and trust."

The Youth Hub offers mental health support, substance use support, primary care, sexual health, 2SLBGTIA+ support, care coordination, single session counselling, peer support, employment support (IPS) and the Lift Program, housing support, drop-ins, recreational activities such as community outings, D&D group, workshops, Indigenous peer navigation and outreach, Mobile Share and Care outreach, and support and resources like food, laundry money, hygiene products, and more.

Point in Time has been working with COS Consulting to outline the Youth Hub's needs as well as the needs of the organization.

"Youth have also had an input on what they think are important elements of design for a new space," she said.

Cox said the location must stay within Haliburton to be in close proximity to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"A lot of youth walk after school. We want to make sure it stays accessible to them."

Cox said they will always continue to maintain a satellite office in Minden.

"Some youth are noise sensitive, neurodiverse, or introverted, and the main room in the Wellness Hub gets very busy and noisy when lots of people are there at once. We want to make sure we have space and time to think on their own."

"We hope that there's a way we can potentially be creative in our design of the space so that it's a welcoming place for both youth and families."

Cox said Point in Time is also looking into creating spaces for collaboration with other organizations.

"Ideally this will happen as soon as possible. There are three pillars to this project. One is securing the funding. Two is finding the site. And three is the partnership process to bring it all together."

To donate to Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and the Youth Wellness Hub, visit pointintime.ca.

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Council suggests a way for summer to sizzle on Boshkung

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands supports a lake association's summer celebration, but not the proposed location.

Township council OKed in principle the Summer Sizzle shindig during the June 20 council meeting. It also supports a staff-recommended better location for the party.

The Boshkung Lake Property Owners Association and Boshkung Smokehouse and Craft Beer want to use Stanhope Hall for Summer Sizzle, an event for families to celebrate summer on the lake. There will be live music and grilled grub.

If weather cooperates, organizers would like to host people in the parking lot outside the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall.

The request includes rental of the hall and the parking lot between the hall and public works garage.

In a report to council, Chris Card, the township's parks, recreation, and trails manager, said the proposed layout for the event is not ideal as it would take up a large portion of available parking. It would block access to other parking and amenities including access to the tennis courts and sports fields during a time of peak use during the season.

The proposed location is the main area for township staff to park municipal vehicles, staff parking, and for people visiting the hall.

Consideration also needs be given to parking the vehicles that will belong to the 150 event attendees and event staff, Card said.

He said he has spoken to event organizers about his concerns but some of the people behind the event are out of town.

"Although it would be great there (community hall parking lot), I don't think those considerations combined with the fact that we need to consider 150 event attendees as well as all the event staff, I just think it would be able to handle it," Card said.

"The best option would be to put them back in the pavilion space. There's power there. It gives them the option if it's raining or anything like that."

He said it seems organizers' main concern is about moving catered food back and forth from the Stanhope Community Centre kitchen to the pavilion.

"However, I think that's more agreeable than blocking the whole parking lot area, which there just wouldn't be space for," Card said.

A site meeting is scheduled with the event organizer on July 3 to review the site and recommended location in the pavilion. A final layout has yet to be determined and is pending this site meeting.

"What I'm bringing to council for consideration is just to deny the request as it is in that location," Card said.

He recommended that council direct staff to work with the event organizers to ensure that concerns are addressed.

Mayor Liz Danielsen suggested the event be approved by council based on the use of the alternate location.

Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux asked Card if the alternate location would be such a detriment to the food service that the event would need to be skuttled.

"Or is it just a problem they're going to have to sort through but they can?" Dailloux said.

"It's going to be a problem they're going to have to sort through," Card said. "Until we have the site meeting, exactly what that effect will be is unknown."

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Protect trans kids

SCHOOL IS almost out. By this time next week, we will not be contending with school buses clogging the roads dropping children off.

Like many adults without children, I always forget when schools let out for the summer. Until you are grocery shopping during the day and you become so confused as to why they are children running around the store.

"Shouldn't they be in school?" you think to yourself as rugrats weave in and out between your legs.

There are a plethora of activities for kids to take part in this summer. Summer camps, libraries, and skate parks are just a small sliver of the spaces kids can enjoy this summer. Spaces for youth to exist is extremely important for the wellbeing of our next generation. Especially with LGBTQIA2S+ youth in our community. The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub is a space that I wish existed for me to take refuge in as a bullied youth. A welcoming space for people aged 12 to 25, the Haliburton County Wellness Hub offers mental health services, peer support, income and housing support, and trans positive health care. Frequently, youth under the queer spectrum have access to resources and visibility of other queer people. Recently, the Writers' Union of Canada has said that four books on the Forest of Reading shortlists have been heavily restricted by the Wellington County District School Board. The Chair of the Writers' Union of Canada, Danny Ramadan had his illustrated children's book Salma Writes a Book was among the books affected. His novel shares his experience as a young, queer immigrant to Canada seeking refuge and escaping homophobia. Ramadan cannot share his book with kids. The time in his life when he needed to read something like that the most.

THOMAS SMITH
Editor

Many people use trans children as political puppets. In the historical census released in 2022, Statistics Canada found that 0.33 per cent of Canada's population aged 15 and older living in private households identified as trans or non-binary. 30.5 million people were surveyed for this census.

Some kids that are born can be born one sex but may identify with the other. Some kids may not identify with either. The spectrum of gender identity is vast. For some, this concept is strange and foreign. As a cisgendered man, I am not certain of the ins-and-outs, nor will I ever 100 per cent understand the struggles that trans youth may face in their lives.

For some youth, the care that they need is in the form of changing their physical appearance, through hormone therapies, or transition related surgeries. These treatments are only conducted through case-by-case bases in Ontario. Rainbow Health Ontario says "Youth do not need parental consent for medical interventions in Ontario. However, youth have significantly better outcomes when supported by family."

Significantly better outcomes when supported by family. No matter your religious or political views, trans kids' lives matter. It can not be understated the urgency in which these kids may need medical care.

I have lost too many friends to bigotry.

Some resources available include Rainbow Health Ontario, Trans Parent Canada, Rainbow Railroad, and visiting the Haliburton County Wellness Hub.

Love your LGBTQIA2S+ children.

Love saves lives.

Reaching out

IF YOU READ this column, you have probably picked up on the fact that I love fly fishing. What you may not know, however, is that I have been cursed with an ice fishing body.

This is not to say that I look like a walrus on the ice, although when I grow my winter whiskers and bundle up, that is debatable. Rather, that is my way of saying that my short arms are better suited to those two-foot ice fishing rods.

This became abundantly clear the other day while I was fly fishing from shore for smallmouth bass. I hooked a nice three-pound fish and fought it well.

After a brief tussle, I brought it in as far as I could – exactly 6 inches beyond the reach of my net.

I blame this on the fact that I was using a limber 9-foot fly rod with a 10-foot leader – which is fine unless you have the kind of velociraptor reach I am blessed with. That kind of wingspan does not help, even when you bring along a net that extends three feet, which, for the record, I did.

From a distance, an observer might have thought I was preparing for flight. My arms were outstretched with a rod on one hand and a net in the other, as I contorted, flapped, and stretched every way imaginable to bring that fish to the net. I finally did too, but only because the fish lost patience and decided to swim in voluntarily.

(I have always depended on the kindness of fish.)

Of course, net issues never happens when you are in a boat with a fishing buddy – so long as you choose one who is not intentionally bad with a net. Nor does it happen if you are on a shoreline where you can beach the fish. Sadly, I had neither of those things going for me.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

All I had to work with was a 27-inch reach and a 9-foot fly rod.

This got me thinking that I should get a net with an extremely long handle to eliminate this issue altogether. These long nets are commonly used by shore anglers in Europe, even in the Scandinavian countries where people have long limbs.

I was also thinking that I could just try to extend my arms naturally by picking up two extremely heavy weights every day and holding them while letting my arms hang by my side until they eventually get lengthened to the point where I can touch my toes without bending. For this is what it might take to use my current net more effectively.

Or alternately, I could go to the monkey bars in the park and hang from them until my arms stretch enough so my feet finally touch the ground.

Of course, both those ideas are a bit of a stretch, and probably things I will not seriously consider until I lose my first five-pound smallmouth bass because I couldn't net or lip it.

Or maybe I could just recruit a long-armed angling buddy who loves netting fish for me – which rules out every one of my fishing buddies. That's probably the best idea and one I might pursue.

No matter how I do it, I have resigned myself to one thing. Eventually, I am going to have to reach out.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

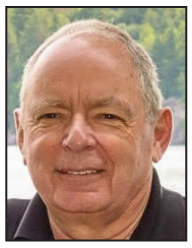
Feeding the well fed

FOOD PROGRAMS worldwide are struggling with funding shortages that are limiting their efforts to feed the millions who are hungry every day.

The World Food Programme reports that 309 million people in the 72 countries it serves face acute levels of food insecurity this year. There isn't enough funding to buy the food that all the hungry need.

Hunger is not an issue, however, on Government of Canada airplanes. The politicians, bureaucrats and others who travel on the planes are quite well fed.

An example: A House of Commons document shows in-flight catering for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's six-day trip to Indonesia and India last fall totalled $223,000.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Folks on that trip were fed beef brisket with mashed parsley potatoes with truffle oil, pan fried beef tenderloin with port wine sauce, braised lamb shanks with steamed broccoli and boiled baby potatoes, and baked cheesecake with pistachio brittle.

The document also showed a $900 request for pop, chips, and other snacks on board and "cases of Flow Water." Flow Water, is an expensive brand of premium alkaline spring water preferred by Trudeau, according to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF).

The federation also has said that Gov.-Gen. Mary Simon's trip to Dubai in March 2022 racked up $100,000 in airplane meals

"Is the government running a secret contest to see who can order up the most expensive meals while flying around the world?" Franco Terrazzano, CTF federal director has said.

"You shouldn't need a focus group to recommend telling the prime minister to turn down the baked cheesecake with pistachio brittle when Canadians are lining up around the block at the food bank."

And, lining up they are. Food Banks Canada reports almost two million visits to Canadian food banks in March of last year – an increase of 32 per cent over the previous March and 78.5 per cent over March of 2019.

The Salvation Army says it served 3.2 million community meals to the hungry last year. It also provided 257,000 school meals.

Last week the Trudeau government announced a plan to create a National School Food Program. The program will provide meals to up to 400,000 more kids every year, beyond those served by existing school food programs. The government plans to invest $1 billion in the program over five years.

That's certainly an admirable commitment. But the political-bureaucratic class still needs a major mind reset on wasteful spending. Especially considering the Canada's national debt now is $1.4 trillion and will cost $47.2 billion to service this year.

The politicians are quick to deny any responsibility or knowledge of top-level spending on government aircraft flights. They blame the department of national defence, which operates most of these flights, or others who arrange catering.

"I have no idea the context of these flights or how these things are done," Dominic LeBlanc, the Trudeau minister responsible for democratic institutions, said when the governor-general's trip costs were being questioned.

Oh really? So, what then are we paying him two or three hundred thousand dollars a year to do then?

(Canadian members of Parliament now are the world' second-highest paid elected officials. American elected officials are the world's highest paid.)

No one needs a gourmet meal on a government aircraft making the six-plus-hour trip from Montreal to Paris. Surely a sandwich and a cup of tea would suffice, especially considering a 2022 Statistics Canada estimate that 22.3 per cent of Canadian families experienced food insecurity over one year.

Much of the work of food banks and meal programs is being done by volunteers. They gather food and distribute it, or cook it and serve it on their own time and without pay or other physical reward.

A typical volunteer meal program will serve simple dishes of rice, chicken, corn and salad. There might be an apple or cherry pie for dessert. Not as fancy as braised lamb shanks and baked cheesecake, but certainly filling, nutritious and a lot less expensive.

The $100,000 spent on airplane meals for the governor-general's Dubai trip, or the $223,000 for Trudeau's Indonesia trip would go a long way to feeding the hungry.

It certainly would buy a lot of chicken and rice.

Minden Memories

This photograph depicts a rowing race with participants who appear to be a little more formally dressed than we'll likely find during Canada Day. Note in the background, the Stinson livery barn at the left and, in the centre, the home which today is the location of Gambell's Antiques and Nostalgia, next to Suwan's Thai Cuisine. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week

JASMINE WARGA
NEWBERY HONOR AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
OF OTHER WORDS FOR HOME
The tale of a small machine with a big heart.
A ROVER'S STORY

Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name.

Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Maybe there's a problem with his programming ...

Human emotions or not, launch day comes, and Res blasts off to Mars, a dangerous place filled with dust storms and giant cliffs. As millions of people back on Earth follow his progress, will Res have the determination, courage, and resilience to succeed ... and survive?

Recommended for ages nine to 12, *A Rover's Story* by Jasmine Warga is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Rotarians pose for a photo at the Minden Rotary dinner auction held at the community centre on Saturday June 1. /Photos submitted

Minden Rotary Dinner/Auction a success

Minden Rotary's Dinner/Auction was held on Saturday, June 1 with 164 participants enjoying the evening and reconnecting with friends along with many new attendees. Thanks to all the Rotarians and Friends of Rotary for help with the set up and running the event. Thanks to our donors who generously provided auction items. The Summer Barbecue theme dinner was catered by The Dominion Hotel which provided gourmet barbecue fibs, barbecue chicken, pulled pork on bun, a baked potato bar, salad and strawberry short cake for dessert. Everyone enjoyed the Summer Picnic theme meal and party.

President and MC Dave Woodcroft gave an overview of Rotary activities emphasizing most of the funds raised go into the Minden Community. The FUNdraisers were enjoyed by all, Fielding's Wine Fundraiser was launched at the event with 25 per cent of the proceeds of the wine sold coming back to the club. Rotary's Silent Auction displaying over 80 donations to help fund local initiatives. Rotarian Sally Moore and her Celebrity Clowns had everyone laughing playing games; this program is for Friends of Rotary to show their support. The Rotary Celebrity Clown program is one of many ways in which Minden Rotary participates in community events. So many fun events happened throughout the evening including dancing to DJ Dan Sullivan's music medley. It was so nice to see people out socializing, dancing and supporting Minden Rotary.

What is next for Minden Rotary? Visit our food booth on Canada Day. Come out to Rotary Fest on Saturday, Aug. 17 downtown main street party and enjoy live music, meet the vendors, participate in games and visit the exhibits. Saturday, Aug. 31 support Minden Rotary Road Toll. Sunday, Sept. 15 sign up for the 3rd Annual Minden Rotary Golf Tournament. Sunday, Sept. 29 join Minden Rotary at a Blue Jay game for a 3:07 p.m. start. Watch for the fall Online Holiday Auction.

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Visit www.mindenrotary.ca for more details or contact events@mindenrotary.ca to participate in any of the events listed above.

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Stanhope Heritage Museum Summer Season Opening

When: Saturday, June 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Regular summer hours in July and August are Wednesday to Saturday 11a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin HighlandsThe museum opens for the season and new exhibits this year include: Local summer camp history featuring Camp Kawabi on Big Hawk Lake; The Maple Lake Settlement, and a re-fresh to the Historic Log Chute Model. The On-site Resource Center awaits your enquiries and, best of all ... the museum's award-winning marmalade is available!
Contact: Township of Algonquin Highlands, info@alqonquinhighlands.ca or 705-489-2379

Wilberforce Canada Day Celebration

When: Monday July 1 at 11:30 a.m.
Where: Red Cross Outpost Museum, 2314 Loop Rd, Wilberforce
Join us at the museum for the flag raising, music and refreshments. Visit www.facebook.com/wilberforceoutpost for more information or contact Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598 or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca.

Youth Garden Club

When: July 2, 6 - 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd
The Youth Garden Club is for children in grade 2 or higher that want to explore their interest in all things that grow. The July meeting will be a Pollinator Field Study and Plant Pressing and will be held at the Cultural Center.

Minden and District Horticultural Meeting

When: July 2, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St
The Minden and District Horticultural meeting will take place Tuesday July 2. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. The speaker Sheila Ziman will be discussing 'Unique Baskets Using Material from the Garden & Nature'.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library - Summer Book Sale

When: Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Dysart Branch, 78 Maple Avenue
Choose from a huge selection of gently read books for readers of all ages! Payment is by cash or cheque donation. Don't forget to bring a reusable bag. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports library enhancements and programs in all branches in Haliburton County. Thank you for your continued support!

Annual TAG Day

When: July 12, all day
Where: Minden, various locations
The Minden Health Care Auxiliary will be outside various businesses accepting your donations. Please come to town with cash in your pockets, coins or bills. Every donation helps. New members are welcome. To help, or for more information please contact Pat Bradley, 705-934-0011 or Gail Simon, 705-286-4087.

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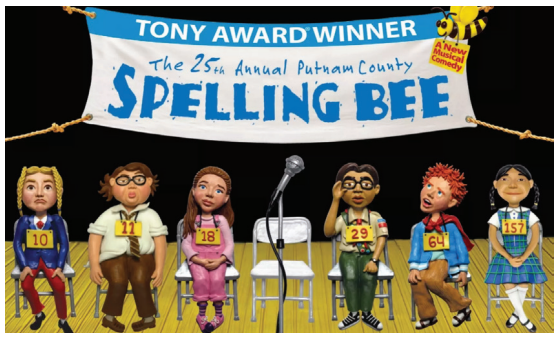
2024 Season Passes Still Available

July 2nd to July 11th



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Six awkward spelling champions learn that winning (and losing) isn't everything in this delightful musical An eclectic group of six mid-pubescents vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Six spellers enter; one speller leaves a champion! At least the losers get a juice box.

A riotous ride, complete with audience participation, ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*** is a delightful hive of comedic and musical genius.

Opens July 2 through to July 11 for nine performances, including two matinees.

July 15th to July 23rd

The Miracle Worker
by William Gibson

Twelve-year-old Helen Keller lived in a prison of silence and darkness. Deaf, blind, and mute from an illness as a baby, with no way to express herself or comprehend those around her, she flew into primal rages against anyone who tried to help her, fighting tooth and nail with a strength born of furious desperation.

Then Annie Sullivan came. Half-blind herself, but possessing an almost fanatical determination, she would begin a frightening and incredibly moving struggle to tame the wild girl no one could reach…Opens July 15 for eight performances including three matinees.

July 24th to July 26th

Highlands Summer Festival is delighted to present ***The Good Lovelies***, a Canadian folk/country harmony trio, consisting of Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough and Sue Passmore. At their core they can be described as a country/folk trio, with tinges of pop, roots, jazz and sometimes hip-hop mixed in.

The group's three members, Brooks from Whitby, Ough from Port Hope and Passmore from Cobourg, were all performing as solo artists in the Toronto area when they came together in 2006 to perform at a Christmas concert at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel. The three subsequently decided to continue working together, releasing their debut EP, Oh My, in 2007. Since then, they have released nine LPs including the latest We Will Never Be The Same in 2023. In 2018, they performed at Massey Hall in Toronto and were nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award. The trio is on stage for three performances, July 24, 25 and a matinee 26.

July 28th to August 2nd

Sarah, a turkey farmer, has split up with her husband and moved in with her mom, Gail, a beekeeper. Add in Earl, the flirty neighbour, and Ben, an eager young graduate student, and you have the perfect breeding ground for unlikely attractions. Set in adjoining bedrooms, ***The Birds and the Bees*** is a Canadian comedy about love, lust, beekeeping, and the artificial insemination of turkeys.

Six performances from July 28 to August 2.
*(**The Birds & The Bees** contains mature content and discussions of sex.)*

August 4th to August 8th

Back by popular demand, Highland Summer Festival presents Leisa Way and her Wayward Wind Band with another outstanding concert, ***Opry Gold***. To share the Grand Ol' Opry's history is to share the story of Country Music.

Leisa Way and her phenomenally talented band have brought audiences many great shows, and this latest concert raises the roof with the hottest country songs from the last few decades. Sing-a-long to Johnny Cash, Shania Twain, Vince Gill, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Lady Antebellum, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Charlie Daniels, Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Garth Brooks, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Taylor Swift, Darius Rucker, Kenny Chesney, Gretchen Wilson, George Strait, Roger Miller, Flatt & Scruggs, Ricky Scaggs, Hank Snow, Roy Acuff, Alan Jackson, and more!

Five performances starting August 4 to August 8.

Season passes and single tickets are available online at:
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Do something dramatic this summer

Truck Yeah

The rain only made for shinier trucks and muddier pulls at the Minden Kin Club's annual Truck Pull and Show and Shine on Saturday, June 22 at the Minden Fairgrounds. Spectators braved the weather and were treated to watching various classes of trucks in the truck pull, a browse through the vehicles in the show and shine, and ATV drag races.

A Randy's Landscaping truck pulls in the rain. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Randy's Landscaping took first place for Best Fleet.

Show and Shine results

Class#1 2020 and newer Highway Tractors
First Place – Mike McTeer – 2024 Kenworth
Second Place – Randy Sauliner – 2022 Kenworth
Third Place – Bryan Boychoff – 2022 Kenwoth

Class#2 2019 and older Highway Tractors Working **Trucks**
First Place – John Duivenvoorden – 1994 Kenworth
Second Place – Ben Duivenvoorden – 2001 Western Star

Class#3 2022 and newer Working Trucks
First Place – Tom Prentice and Sons – 2022 Freightliner
Second Place – Mike McTeer – 2024 Kenwoth
Third Place – Francis Thomas Contracting – 2024 Kenwoth

Class#4 2021 – 2014 Working Trucks
First Place – Tom Prentice and Sons – 2016 Freightliner
Second Place – Francis Thomas Contracting – 2019 Kenwoth
Third Place – Francis Thomas Contracting – 2018 International

Class#5 2013 – older Working Trucks
First Place – Kim Hamilton – 2007 Peterbilt
Second Place – Jesse Hamilton – 2007 Freightliner
Third Place – Ted Cook – 1998 Kenworth

Class#6 Judge Choice
First Place – Dubby Equipment – 1966 Chev

Class#8 Best Fleet
First Place – Randy's Landscaping
Second Place – Francis Thomas Contracting
Third Place - Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd.

Class#9 2022 and newer Pickups
First Place – Graham Neave – 2024 GMC Atx4
Second Place – Graham Neave – 2023 GMC Denali
Third Place – Cody Martin – 2024 Chev Trail Boss

Class#10 2021 – 2014 Pickups
First Place – Kyle Staring – 2020 Ford F250
Second Place – Francis Thomas Contracting – 2020 Chev 2500

Class#11 2013 – 2000 Pickups
First Place – Nick Daw – 2004 Chev Silverado
Second Place – Kaleb Perelra – 2011 GMC Canyon
Third Place – Cody Lacey – 2003 Ram 2500

Class#12 1999 and older Trucks
First Place – Tom Prentice – 1937 Ford
Second Place – Aiden Neave – 1979 Ford F150
Third Place – Cole Linnigton – 1969 Chev Custom

Thomas Francis Contracting had their entire fleet of 18 trucks on display at the Minden Kin Club Truck Pull and Show and Shine last Saturday. They took second place for Best Fleet. From left, Wes Buchanan, Brad Thorn, Britt Thomas, Brandon Thomas, Kent Ross, Mark Walker, Ashley Hunter and Annalise McPhail. /KAREN LONDON Staff

Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. from Innisfil had a great lineup of their trucks and took third place for Best Fleet.

Ready, set, race. New this year was the kids battery powered drag races. /Submitted by Cheryl Smith Hamilton

Hayes Coy shows off his wining plaque.

Marshall Smith also placed in the kids drag race.

Truck pull results

Class#1 2x4 Pickups
First Place – Steve Carnochan – 1979 Ford
Second Place – Ebony Prescott – 2010 GMC
Third Place – Edwin McCrank – 1992 Dodge

Class#2 4x4 Gas Pickup Factory Long and Short Wheel Base
First Place – Randy Bull – 2023 Dodge
Second Place – Greg Harrison – 2023 Ford F150
Third Place – Andy Rickard – 2015 Chev 2500

Class#3 4x4 Gas Non-Factory Long and Short Wheel Base
First Place – Jessica Dolliver – 1984 Chev
Second Place – Brant Martin – 2015 Nissan
Third Place – Travis Farmer – 2008 Ram

Class#4 4x4 Diesel Pickups
First Place – Mike Hamilton – 2024 GMC
Second Place – Jack Harrison – 2020 Ford F250
Third Place – Jeff Harrison – 2020 Ford F250

Class#5 4x4 Chipped Diesel Pickups
First Place – Kyle Staring – 2017 Ford F250
Second Place – Josh Cochrane – 2004 GMC
Third Place – Griffen Baldry – 2023 GMC

Class#6 4x4 Dual Wheeled Pickups and Dump Box
First Place – Joe Cox – 2023 Dodge
Second Place – Victor Twnsend – 2018 Dodge

Class#7 4x4 Pro Street Circuit (Gas and Diesel)
First Place – Josh Upton – 1984 Chev
Second Place – Loran Dolliver – 1985 Chev
Third Place – Jeff Humphries – 1986 GMC

Class #8 Tamdem and Tri-axle Dump Trucks
First Place – Kevin Everton – 2023 Kenworth
Second Place – Jesse Hamilton – 2007 Freightliner
Third Place – Kim Hamilton – 2007 Peterbilt

Class#9 Log Truck
First Place – Cole Goltz – 1995 T800
Second Place – Mathew Sant – 1995 T800

Class#10 Highway Tractors
First Place – Bryan Boychoff – 2022 Kenworth
Second Place – Dereke Allen – 2018 Kenworth
Third Place – Randy Sauliner – 2022 Kenworth

Class #11 Pro Street Highway Tractors
First Place – Ben Duivenvoorden – 2001 Western Star

ATV drag result

First Place – Kirk Smith
Second Place – Kyle Weisflock

Kids Drag Race

First Place – Marshall Smith
Second Place – Blaeklynn Reynolds

Haliburton County youth invade Muskoka

by THOMAS SMITH
Editor

From left, Leighton Nesbitt (#44), Vanek Logan (#4), Carter Shaw (#93), Ross Gordon (#98), and Van Ryan (#9) are all members of the Minden Hornets Baseball Association 14UAA team. /Submitted

Haliburton County is taking over the Muskoka Hornets! Five players for the Muskoka Hornets Tier 2 14UAA team are from our Highlands. Leighton Nesbitt, Ross Gordon, Van Ryan, Carter Shaw, and Vanek Logan are part of the 12 person 14UAA baseball team. The player's ages range from 13 to 14. There are no baseball teams in Haliburton County for their level of play in their age category. The Muskoka Hornets Baseball Association formed in 2009 for kids in the Muskoka region (and beyond) to play competitive baseball. Youth must try out to be a part of the 14UAA baseball team.

Most of the youth have been playing baseball since they were around four years old. All of the players from Haliburton County are pitchers, but Head Coach Brad Bissell makes the players play different positions to get stronger.

"Most of them have been playing for ten years in Minden," said Kryal Ryan.

"I've been playing my whole life," said Leighton Nesbitt.

"It's just a fun sport and I enjoy playing it," said Carter Shaw. "I wish I could play it every day."

"The players are pretty nice, like the team," said Van Ryan.

"It's fun hanging out with friends and playing tournaments and stuff," said Shaw.

All the young players have enjoyed being on a team with others from the Muskoka area.

"We don't get to see them often, so it's good to see them at baseball," said Shaw.

Some of the heroes the young players look up to include Elly de la Cruz, Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Mickey Mantle, and Darryl Strawberry.

"I want to play until I'm aged out at 18," said Shaw. "I want to try to get a baseball scholarship like my brother did."

"Until the end of high school," said Van Ryan.

What do our hornets want to know about the team?

"We are a strong team," said Ryan.

"We're the heroes from Haliburton," said Shaw with a laugh.

Vanek Logan has only been playing with the Hornets recently, but says that he feels like he has been welcomed with open arms.

The Muskoka Hornets 14U AA team are currently placed second in their league with a record of 6-2.

"That's only because the team ahead of us has played more games," said Shaw.

The young players consider Newmarket and Barrie their biggest adversaries.

The team's big dream this year is to win YSBA, the biggest tournament in the York Simcoe Baseball Association.

"They are the only AA team for the hornets this year," said Andy Gordon. "All the other teams are A."

"It's really great that these guys are out representing Minden and Haliburton," said Andy Gordon. "We have 12 guys on the team, these guys are certainly just as good as the other seven. There is a lot of camaraderie here."

The staff that supports the Muskoka Hornets 14UAA team include Brad Bissel as the head coach, Trevor Bowers as assistant coach, Peter Haynes as assistant coach, Josh Shaw as assistant coach, Jeff Ryan as the trainer and Dessi as the bat boy.

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Folk Society announcement June 26

Haliburton County Folk Society

The Haliburton County Folk Society has been working hard on its concert series for 2024-2025. They have booked an amazing array of musicians to perform a mix of folk, rock, blues, pop and jazz. Something for everyone! Would you like to know what musicians are coming to the Haliburton Highlands in the next year?

If so, Folk Society invites you to their concert series reveal party on June 26, 4:00-5:00 pm at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. We will announce the line-up for our 2024-2025 concert series that starts in September and introduce you to the performers we have booked. And then we snack, sip, mix and mingle.

After a long COVID hiatus, we are very pleased to be offering season's passes again to bring you great value and entertainment. Passes will be available at the reveal and online soon. This is a free event. No registration required.

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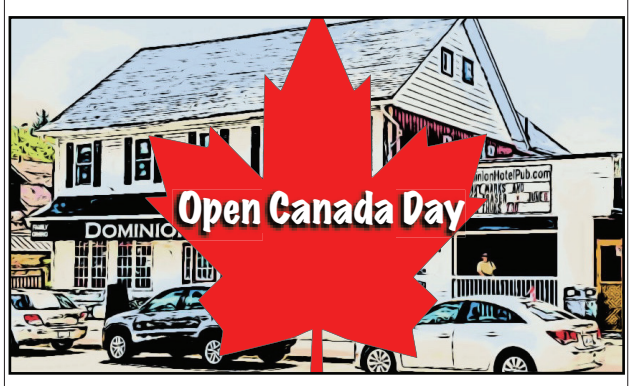

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School board sets spending priorities for coming year

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board approved its spending plan for the coming school year.

The board gave the OK for the 2024-25 school year budget during the June 11 public meeting. The group earmarked $264.8 million in expenditures.

School board trustees were presented with a breakdown of the financial amounts within the new Core Education Funds from the Ministry of Education. That funding is broken out into six areas, including classroom staffing, learning resources, special education, school facilities, student transportation, and school board administration.

Wes Hahn, the director of education, said TLDSB is committed to a future where students not only develop their competencies but thrive in their environment.

He said it is important to the school board that the system continues to grow student knowledge, self-confidence, and resiliency. These are key factors in leading a healthy, successful, and fulfilling life, he said.

"As a system, a balanced budget is an essential component to operate effectively while meeting the two goals of student achievement and student and staff well-being within the TLDSB 2022-2027 Strategic Plan," Hahn said.

"I am incredibly proud of the work of the Finance Services team, superintendents, and trustees who have kept the work of the strategic direction in focus while completely redesigning this new budget."

Tim Ellis, the board's business services superintendent, said the budget continues the momentum garnered through student achievement over recent years.

"Classroom teaching staff adjustments within the budget reflect the anticipated changes in enrolment at each school," Ellis said.

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Stuff

FAY MARTIN
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I HAD OUT-of-town guests and took them to the Kinmount Theatre to see the Movie Man movie about the man who imagined that tribute to all things movie. It left me feeling sad. Why? Because his dilemma – who will carry on his life work and care for the creatures he loves when he is gone? – is a common challenge (although his specifics are indisputably unique).

The more common manifestation of this dilemma among my friends and acquaintances is our feeble struggles to de-clutter and get rid of stuff our children will hate us for having when we die and leave them to figure out how to get rid of it. Getting rid of stuff is not easy! Even triaging stuff is difficult. What's true junk that should absolutely go to the dump? What should be left at the roadside with a 'free' sign in the hopes that some imaginative person will find its next life? What's good enough to go to the thrift shop? What deserves a yard sale or will sell on line? The mere prospect of triaging sucks one's motivation dry. So there the stuff remains.

I didn't pay attention to the wave of Marie Kondo enthusiasm/guilt; I picked up that we should only retain stuff that 'sparks joy'. I have had a joyful life, part of which is getting excited about a freebie and finding a new purpose for something. Consequently, there are many things in my home that still give me joy, not for what they are but for how they came to me or what I might do with them, some day.

So when I think about getting rid of stuff, I think I should write a little story about each item and send it to its next life with a history. Sort of like mothers tucked mementos into the swaddlings of their newborns before they left them on the church steps. Knowing it was unlikely that the message would make it through the meanderings of life. But knowing, perhaps, that history is the only thing that differentiates one thing from another.

It's almost expected that when we travel, we bring back mementos to anchor our recollections – or maybe to be the pivot points for enlightening our friends with our tales of adventure and wonder. But what about the adventure and wonder of everyday life? The markers of the twists and turns of fate – or whatever we choose to call the forces that determine our pathway through the years.

Marie Kondo aside, there's an expectation that as we age we should occupy less space. We don't need the dinner settings for 12, or the full complement of kitchen gadgets because we don't have the energy to entertain the masses. Or the masses are dispersed, or have such complicated eating limitations they're impossible guests, or don't drive after twilight. Perhaps our current activities require less space, but we need more space to hold the memorabilia that collects and contains and reminds us of our lives. We particularly need things as mnemonics, as the people who might help us remember grow dimmer and depart.

My guest, the one I took to the Kinmount Theatre, whom I have known since she was 16, wandered through my house commenting on how much stuff I have. That stung me. I take pride in being anti-materialistic. I do not measure myself by my belongings.

Or do I? Not in the way I hate, the big-house-big-car-show-offy way. But I do have a lot of stuff and I value it and I have trouble getting rid of it because it reminds me of the life I've had. It's a record. I am who I am because of where and how I was born and raised, but also the life I lived in more places than I have fingers. Settling here now for 27 years in the same house that contains the hallmarks of that wandering – no, not wandering, always purposeful! – life. My friend decided I'm likely to stay here until they carry me out in a pine box (as if they made them any more!) and my children should get used to the idea that there'll be stuff to get rid of. And maybe there'll be little stories tucked into their swaddlings.

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Gathering Sparks set to rock Dominion

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

The renowned folk/roots duo Gathering Sparks will be performing at the Dominion Hotel on Saturday, July 6 at 7 p.m. The duo is composed of Eve Goldberg and Jane Lewis. The duo's music is primarily written by themselves and will include instruments like guitar, ukulele, and keyboard. Audience participation is heavily encouraged.

"Both of us have spent so much time in Haliburton. We are looking forward to seeing old and new friends. We are looking forward to playing the renowned Dominion Hotel," said Goldberg.

"Singing is good for people, good for humans," said Lewis. Simply put, the duo has fun making music with their audience.

The duo's performances often informed vocal improvisation, body percussion, and the beauty of creating music and the encouragement of singing with, rather than for, the audience.

"I've been teaching in the area for a really long time," said Goldberg. Goldberg and Lewis will both be instructing courses at Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art and Design. Goldberg will be teaching Ukulele Orchestra-Intermediate/Advanced and Lewis will be teaching Music in the Air! Improv Singing and Singing Harmony by Ear. These courses will begin in July.

The duo was formed after Goldberg cold called Lewis and her previous musical partner to discuss their similar interests and musicianship. Despite Lewis saying that there were no intentions to form a band, a long-lasting spark was ignited resulting in the duo to travel all across North America.

The Dominion hotel was considered the perfect spot for the duo to perform their debut concert in Haliburton County.

"It's a little bit famous in Haliburton. We thought, this time, since we were both up here, to do a show," said Lewis. The Dominion Hotel was the first thing the duo thought of.

The pair describes their music as uplifting songs with great harmonies with guitar, ukuleles, and overall just a positive vibe. The duo's sound is often compared to Carole King and Bonnie Raitt.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased online through the Dominion Hotel's website (https://dominionhotelpub.tickit.ca/).. Tickets are $25. The Dominion Hotel will also be selling drinks and food to guests attending.

Relishing the moment

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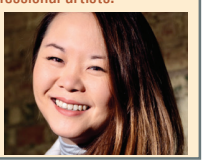

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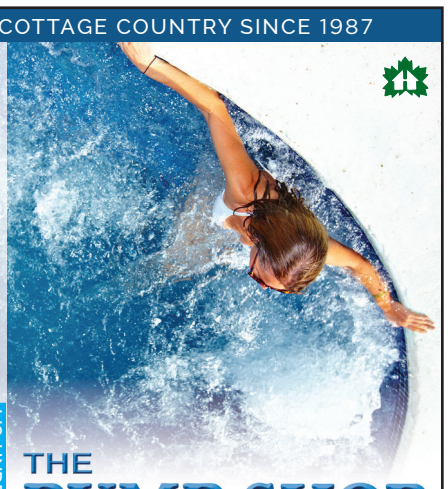

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Sky lights

The Dorset fireworks were blazing across the night sky for this year's Canada Day celebration over the Lake of Bays on Saturday night, July 3. Hundreds gathered along the shoreline, docks and the bridge to watch the spectacle organized by the Algonquin Highlands fire department and paid for by local businesses, including donations collected on the evening.

Youths get to work

Three locals take advantage of the summer company program

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Three young Haliburton County entrepreneurs are getting down to business thanks to a provincial grant program.

Pizza baker Sarah-Jane Johnson, photographer Troy Glover and silversmith Kathleen Atkinson-Hindle have all received Summer Company grants from the Ontario government.

The program, now in its 10th year, helps student entrepreneurs by providing them with start-up capital for their businesses, as well as training in areas such as bookkeeping and filing.

Last week, Johnson was busy mixing dough at her Dorset-based pizza shop, Pizza on Earth.

The shop is located in the Portico Timber Frames building, owned by her father, on Highway 35.

"I make my dough from scratch," she said proudly, placing pale white lumps of the stuff onto storage trays.

Johnson, a cellist who is heading into her third year of music studies and has recently transferred from Wilfred Laurier University to the University of Toronto, spends her mornings making dough before she opens for business at noon.

"I've been baking all my life," she said. "I've always been considered the family baker. There's just something so homey about a freshly baked loaf of bread"

Johnson said she has mostly baked bread in the past, but when a friend suggested that Dorset could really use a pizza shop, she thought she'd give pizza a try.

She bakes using ancient technology; a wood-fired oven whose design dates back to at least 79 A.D. She said there were 38 of the ovens found in the ashes of Pompeii after the city, in what is now Italy, was buried by a major volcanic eruption at Mount Vesuvius.

Johnson said she was able to find designs for the igloo-shaped oven and she and her family built it together.

Its name, appropriately, is Vesuvius.

Using burning wood that sits on a rock base, the oven cooks at about 750 degrees Fahrenheit. It takes only 90 seconds for one of Johnson's Italian-style, thin-crust, gourmet pizzas to cook.

Johnson said she tried her pizza recipes out on her family.

"I fed my family a lot of pizza," she said.

Along with traditional margherita pizzas – which consist of tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and basil leaves – Johnson has created some customized recipes that make reference to her hometown.

The Bigwinner, the Dorset Fire Tower and Lake of Baysil each contain a different collection of ingredients.

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